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Dear City of Walla Walla,

I have reviewed the draft proposed changes and find that they are administrative provisions wholly within the City's responsibility. I do not see anything that conflicts the requirements of RCW or WAC, which defers greatly to the approach local government determines is the best. I am providing more information below about the Periodic Review process in general.

The state Shoreline Management Act requires that counties, cities, and towns periodically review their comprehensively updated Shoreline Master Program (SMP) every eight years. The review timetable for local governments is established in [RCW 90.58.080\(4\)](#), and the completion deadline and process requirements are outlined in [WAC 173-26-090](#). Walla Walla County and the cities and towns within are due by June 2023. [WAC 173-26-104](#) allows an optional joint review process that combines required local and state public comment periods.

2021-2023 Grant Funding

For the 2021-23 biennium, we are offered grant funds to eligible jurisdictions with periodic reviews due on June 30, 2023. Grants issued will start on July 1, 2021, and end on June 30, 2023. [WAC 173-26-090](#) clarifies that local legislative action is required to complete the review, even when a local government determines that no changes are needed. Our periodic review guidance provides information you can use during your SMP review, as well as example documents.

Guidance documents

- [Policy statement regarding SMP Periodic Review deadlines](#)
- [Summary of the rule](#)
- [SMP amendment procedural review rules](#)
- [Checklist](#)
- [Checklist guidance](#)

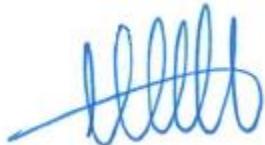
- [Optional joint review process](#)
- [Sample work program](#)
- [Amendment submittal worksheet](#)
- [Ocean Management SMP Checklist](#)
- [Ocean Management SMP Checklist Guidance](#)
- [Example SMP Ocean Management Section Language](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Example documents

- [Public notice for public comment period](#)
- [Ordinance for Findings of Fact and Adoption of Revisions](#)

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